

MR. SPEAKER: For this, he will require a notice.

SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA: These were not the accidents because of bird hits.

Collection of Revenue by Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking

*658. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a substantial shortfall in the collection of revenue by the Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking during the first two months of the current financial year;

(b) if so, the amount collected during the period and the comparative figures for 1990;

(c) the reasons for the shortfall in collection; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to tone up the collection machinery?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (d). A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

(a) to (c). The total revenue collection of the Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking (DESU) during the first two months (April-May, 1991) of the current financial year is Rs. 102.10 crores, which is higher than the figure of Rs. 80.56 crores for the corresponding period of 1990.

(d) The steps taken to improve the revenue collection include intensification of raids to detect theft/misuse of power, reduction in the time gap in issuing the first bill for a new connection, checking of meters where the consumption is found to be abnormally low.

[Translation]

SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA: I would like to know from the Hon. Minister the percentage of theft of power of D.E.S.U. and the loss in crores due to one per cent of it?

SHRI KALP NATH RAI: Hon. Member has asked whether there is increase or deficit in the revenue. The revenue has increased as compared to the previous position. During the last month 25,970 raids were conducted and 344 FIRs were lodged. Many people were jailed and many other steps have been taken for realisation of revenue for electricity. There is considerable increase in the revenue earnings.

SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA: I have asked the percentage of theft of electricity and the loss due to one per cent theft.

SHRI KALP NATH RAI: Your question has no relevance to the main question.

SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA: You have clearly said in your reply that steps are being taken to check the theft of electricity. My question is the amount of theft committed?

SHRI KALP NATH RAI: The full details of theft are known to Shri Madan Lalji? (Interruptions)

SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA: My question is that due to 1 per cent of theft how much amount of money is lost... (Interruptions)... the number of such commercial parties in Delhi against whom more than one crore rupees is outstanding which remain to be realised by D.E.S.U. and the time by which these are to be realised, and the reasons of non-realisation of this amount.

SHRI KALP NATH RAI: Mr. Speaker, Sir, you are well aware of the fact that we have Industrial Consumers and Commercial Industries. You will be glad to know that seven industrial furnaces are closed and